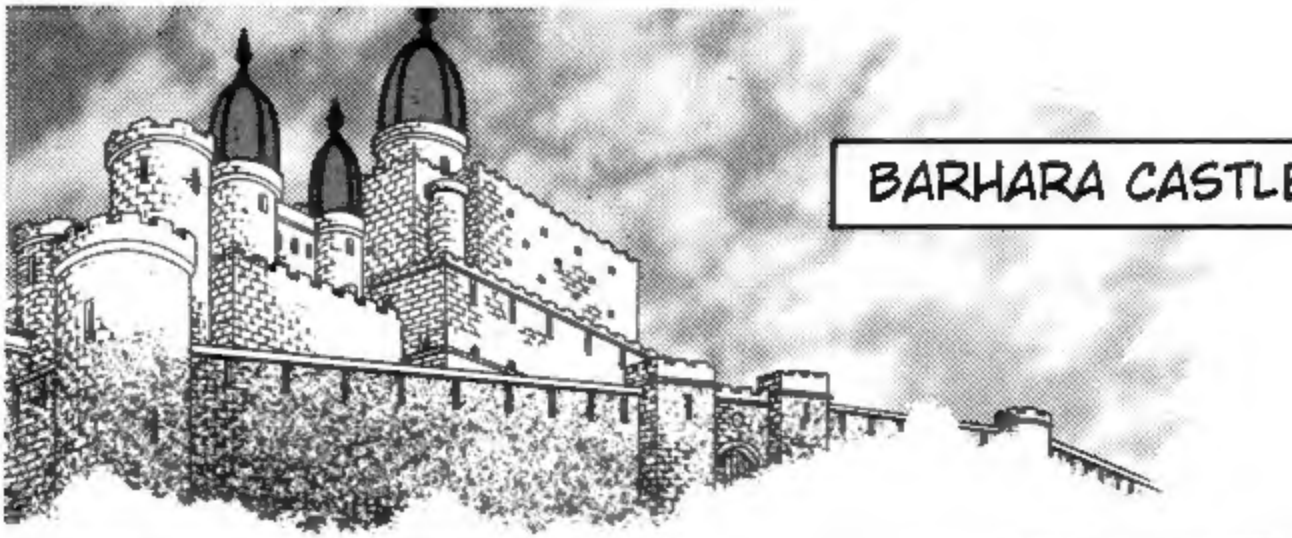
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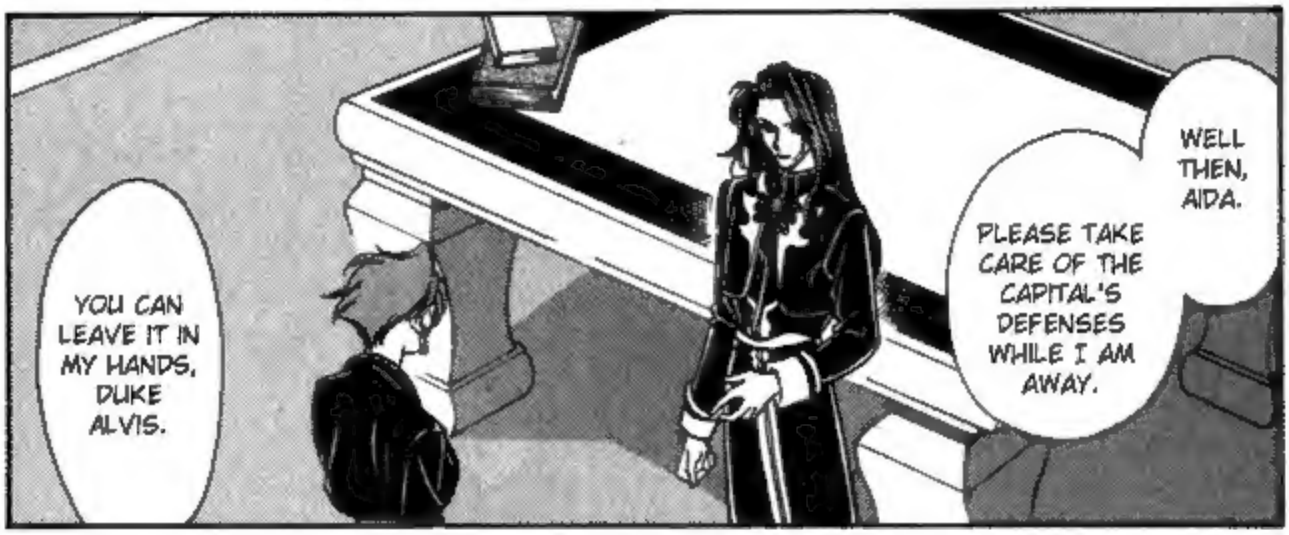
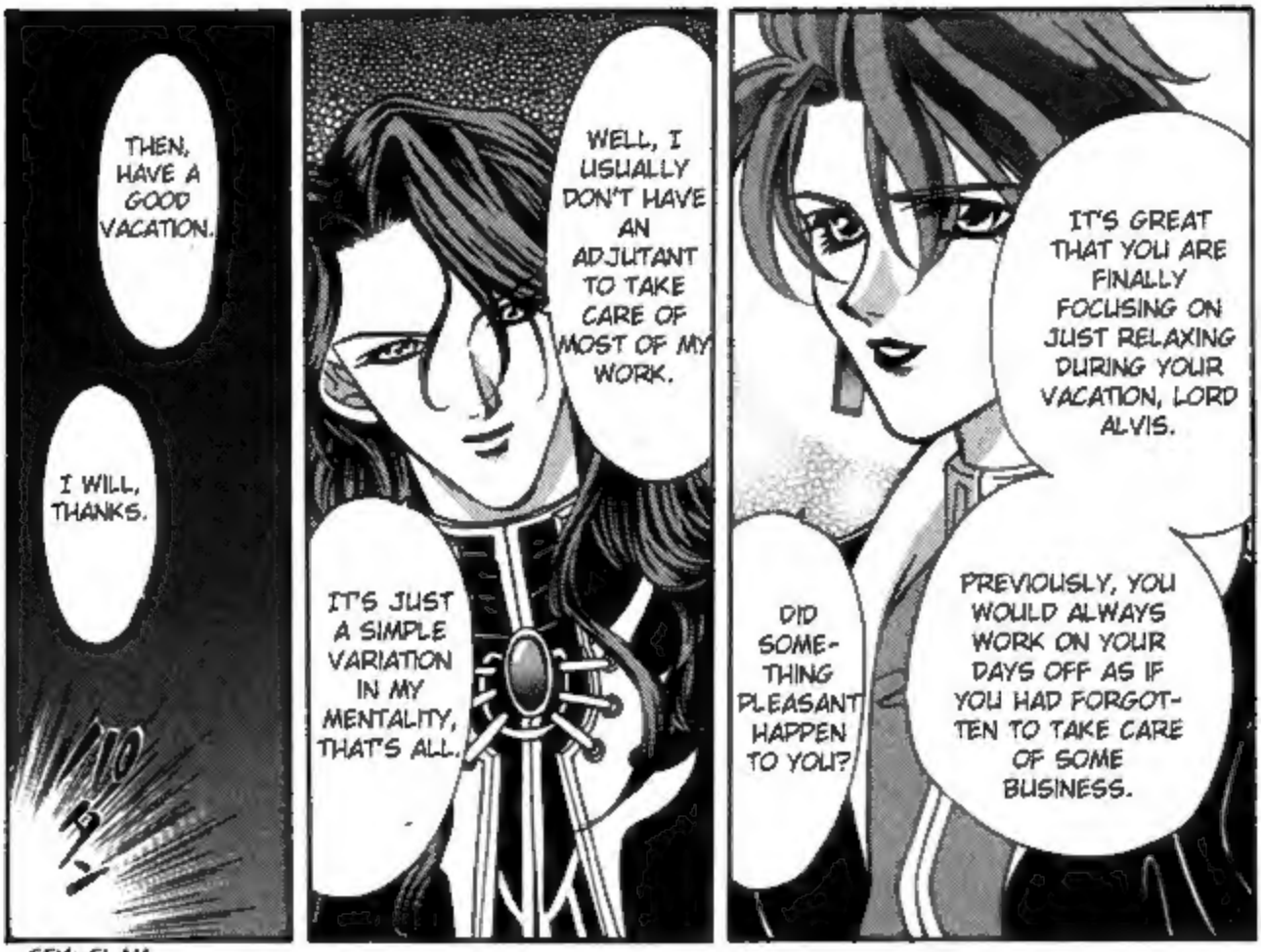

YOU CAN LEAVE IT IN MY HANDS, DUKE ALVIS.
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE CAPITAL'S DEFENSES WHILE I AM AWAY.
WELL THEN, AIDA.


THEN, HAVE A GOOD VACATION.
I WILL, THANKS.
SFX: SLAM
WELL, I USUALLY DON'T HAVE AN ADJUTANT TO TAKE CARE OF MOST OF MY WORK.
IT'S JUST A SIMPLE VARIATION IN MY MENTALITY, THAT'S ALL.
IT'S GREAT THAT YOU ARE FINALLY FOCUSING ON JUST RELAXING DURING YOUR VACATION, LORD ALVIS.
PREVIOUSLY, YOU WOULD ALWAYS WORK ON YOUR DAYS OFF AS IF YOU HAD FORGOTTEN TO TAKE CARE OF SOME BUSINESS.
DID SOMETHING PLEASANT HAPPEN TO YOU?

MAN-FROY ...
I THOUGHT I WOULD SAY MY FAREWELL TO YOU BEFORE YOU LEFT FOR VERDANE, LORD ALVIS.
I HOPE EVERYTHING IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY WITH THE PRINCESS.
CLAP
CLAP
...JUDGING FROM THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE, IT SEEMS YOU HAVEN'T LAID A HAND ON HER YET.
WATCH YOUR TONGUE!!
OH MY... MY APOLOGIES.
BUT I JUST WANT TO FEEL AT EASE.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHEN I'LL HAVE TO INTERVENE.

WELCOME BACK, LORD ALVIS.

I'M BACK.

HOW'S DIADORA!?

AS USUAL, SHE IS IN THE COURTYARD PLAYING WITH THE CHILDREN.

I DON'T WANT HER TO GO THROUGH WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH.

WELL... I SUPPOSE.

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO INTRODUCE HER TO KING AZMUL.

CLENCH

HEH...

MANFROY ...

AS ALWAYS THEN, I LEAVE THE PRINCESS IN YOUR HANDS...

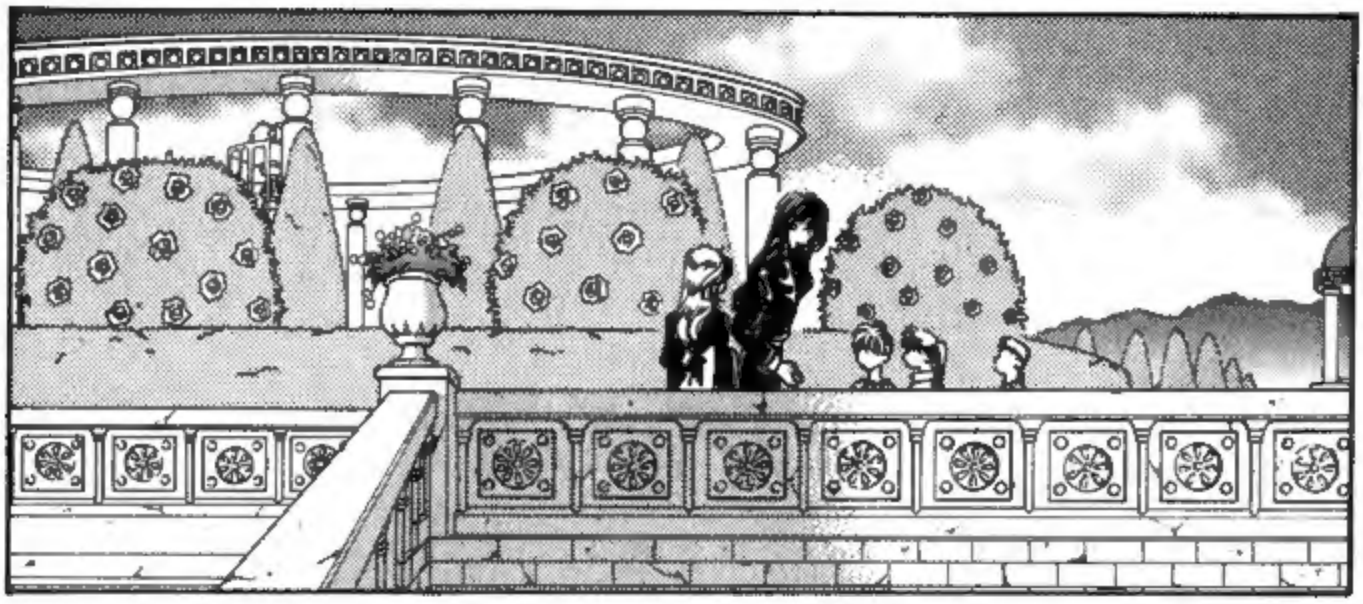
HAVING ONLY MYSELF BE MANIPULATED BY MANFROY IS ENOUGH.

PLEASE TRUST ME WITH THAT GIRL... I BEG YOU.

I DON'T WANT TO DESTROY THAT SMILE!

LORD ALVIS!

WHILE I WAS AWAY, DID YOU GET ALONG WITH EVERYONE?
YES, VERY WELL!
AH! IT'S LORD ALVIS!!
Welcome baaack!!
ISN'T IT LOVELY?
I MADE IT JUST FOR YOU, LORD ALVIS.
I WANT TO PROTECT HER SMILE...



TODAY I WAS READING A PICTURE BOOK TO ALL THE CHILDREN.
HEY!! LET'S READ IT! LET'S READ IT!
FROM WHERE YOU LEFT OFF BEFORE!

SHE IS KIND HEARTED AND BEAUTIFUL.
EVEN WHEN HER MEMORIES RETURN, I HOPE SHE CONTINUES TO STAY BY LORD ALVIS'S SIDE.

I SEE EVEN LORD ALVIS CAN PUT ON SUCH A GENTLE SMILE.
YES...HIS HEART LOOKS SO RELAXED...
AND IT'S NOT ONLY BECAUSE THAT GIRL RESEMBLES LADY CIGYUN.

UNABLE TO ESCAPE, SHE CONTINUED TO WAIT FOR THE DAY THAT SOMEONE WOULD COME TO HER RESCUE.
A GALLANT TRAVELING KNIGHT HAPPENED TO HEAR ABOUT HER.
HE RODE OUT TO THE EVIL SORCERER'S CASTLE IN ORDER TO SAVE THE PRINCESS.
I'M INTER-ESTED IN HEARING THIS STORY TOO.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT!
THE PART WHERE THE PRINCESS HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY THE EVIL SORCERER!!
...THE PRINCESS WAS TO BECOME THE BRIDE OF THE SORCERER,
SO SHE WAS LOCKED AWAY IN A DARK, DAMP CASTLE.
Excited
Excited
Excited
Scared
Scared
THE BRAVE KNIGHT BRANDISHED HIS SHINING SWORD OVER HIS HEAD.

... DIADORA !?
ONE SWING... AFTER THE OTHER.
HE VANQUISHED BOTH THE DARKNESS AND THE SORCERER,
AND SAVED THE BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I...
I KNOW THIS KNIGHT...

EVERYONE, LET'S CALL IT A DAY.
DIADORA SEEMS TIRED.
EHHHH!?
No way!!
...YES ... THAT MUST BE IT.
HOW STRA NGE ...
CLAIMING TO KNOW A PERSON IN A STORY-BOOK...
SAYING YOU KNOW THE KNIGHT IN THE STORY...
I THINK YOU'VE BECOME TOO INVESTED INTO THE STORY AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE CRYING.
.....
THIS PICTURE BOOK...
WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT IF I HELD ONTO THIS?
OKAAAY.
COME BACK AGAIN TOMORROW, OKAY?
.....
LORD ALVIS.

WHY DON'T I...BECOME YOUR KNIGHT?
HOW DOES THAT SOUND ...?
I DON'T MIND.
YOU HAVE TAKEN A LIKING TO THAT KNIGHT IN THE STORY, IT SEEMS.
...HMM.
...AH...I KNOW...

WHAT I'M SAYING IS, I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME..
WOW!!
YOU LOOK EXTREMELY BEAUTIFUL, ADEAN.

THE CHURCH IS ALL SET UP.
FATHER CLAUDE IS CALLING FOR YOU TO COME ON IN.
REALLY? IT DOESN'T MAKE MY BELLY STAND OUT?
THAT'S WHY I SAID YOU'RE HAVING YOUR OWN WEDDING TOO EARLY.
BUT YOU JUST HAD TO HAVE IT WHILE THE FLOWERS ARE IN BLOOM.
FORGIVE ME, JAMKA...IF I HADN'T GOTTEN YOU WRAPPED UP IN THIS WHOLE TREASON MESS,
YOU WOULD BE HAVING THE WEDDING IN VERDANE.
IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO THE HARDSHIP YOU'RE FACING NOW.
FROM HERE ON OUT, ADEAN AND I WILL BOTH DO OUR BEST TO HELP YOU OUT.
THANKS, I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
HUH ...?
TAILTO IS NOT HERE EITHER?

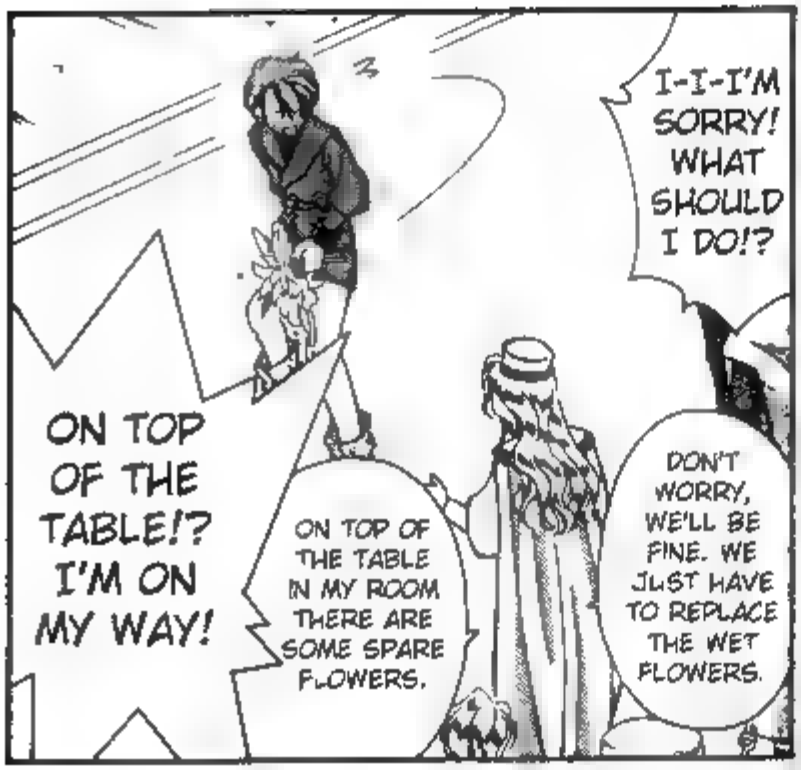
BECAUSE...SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF DUKE REPTOR SHE IS EXPERIENCING A LOT OF GUILT

NO.
I'VE SEARCHED EVERY-WHERE FOR HER.
YOU CAN'T FIND TAIL TO?

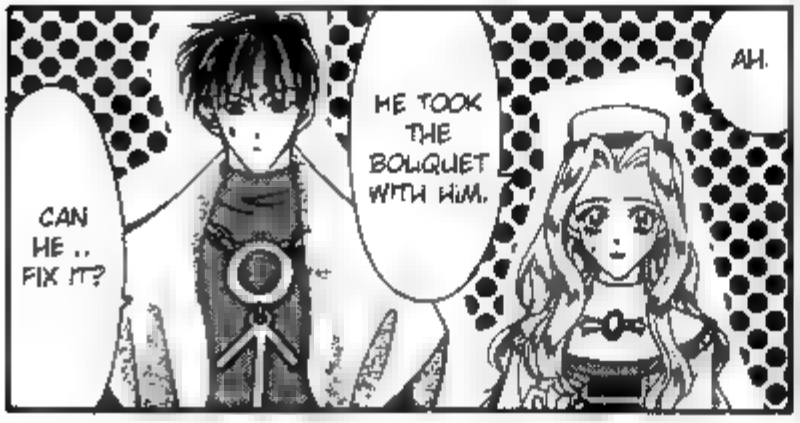
YESTERDAY SHE KEPT GOING ON AND ON, "I AM GOING TO DEFINITELY CATCH THE BOUQUET!"
SHE MUST STILL FEEL BAD ABOUT SHOWING HERSELF IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY.
Yesterday
Did you know? Singles who catch the bouquet will be cursed to a lifetime of loneliness
Shut up!
She's so easily confused.
A-HA-HA-HA

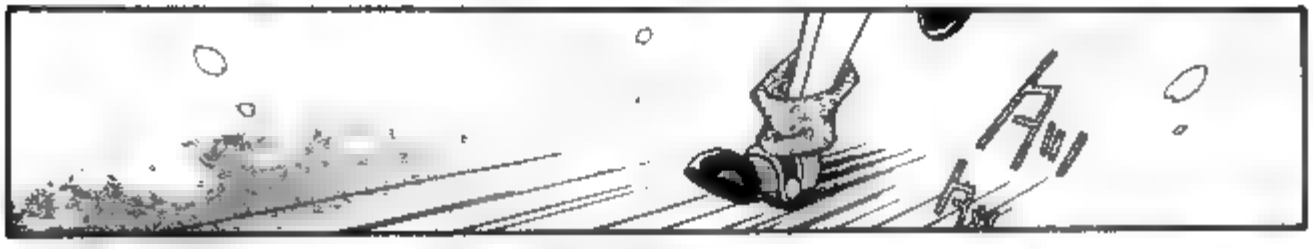
"WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?"
"HOW CAN I SHOW MY FACE IN FRONT OF EVERYONE NOW?"
SHE WAS SUFFERING SO MUCH, YET I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE.
SHE IS PUTTING THE BLAME ON HERSELF.
FOR THE ACTIONS HER FATHER MADE TOWARDS THE PEOPLE SHE LOVES...

SHOULD WE LOOK FOR HER?
IF WE DELAY THE WEDDING, THEN SHE'LL JUST END UP BLAMING HERSELF EVEN MORE.
AH...
SO SHE WON'T PUT ANY OF THE BLAME ON HER FATHER, HUH?
I'M SURE TO HER HE IS A GOOD FATHER.
THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT SO HARD FOR HER.
SHE EVEN SAID THAT SHE WANTED TO CATCH THE BOUQUET.
GEEZ...
I'M GOING TO TRY SEARCHING AROUND ONE MORE TIME
UNLESS THE WEDDING IS OVER BY THEN I'M GOING TO BRING HER BACK HERE.
SFX. STEP


I-I-I'M SORRY! WHAT SHOULD I DO!?
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL BE FINE. WE JUST HAVE TO REPLACE THE WET FLOWERS.
ON TOP OF THE TABLE IN MY ROOM THERE ARE SOME SPARE FLOWERS.
ON TOP OF THE TABLE!? I'M ON MY WAY!

UWAAAH!!!


AH.
HE TOOK THE BOUQUET WITH HIM.
CAN HE .. FIX IT?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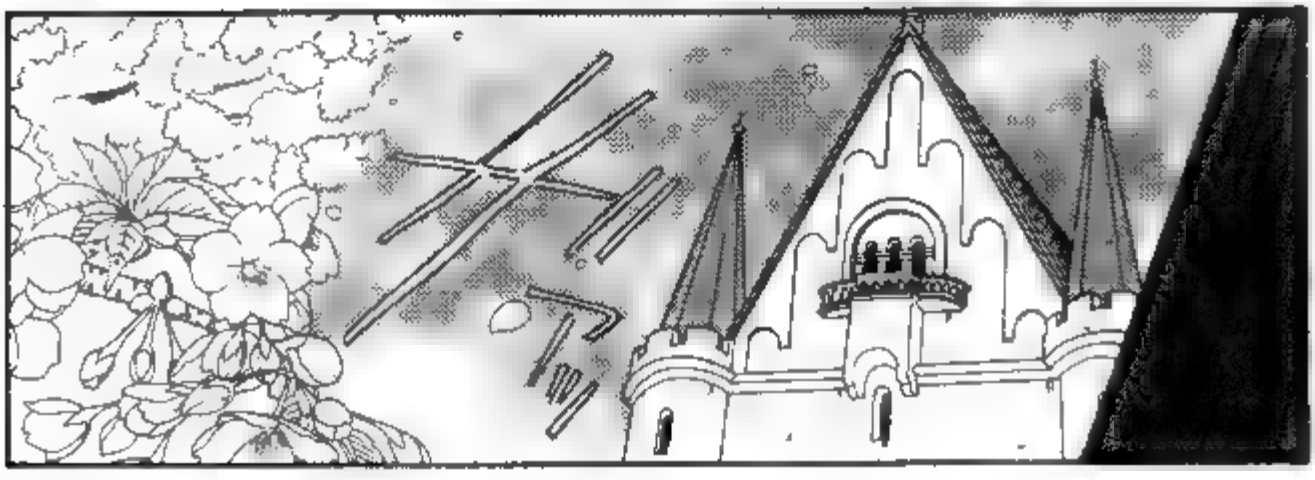

I CAN'T FIX IT...
HM?
I WONDER IF THE WEDDING HAS STARTED ALREADY?
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO...?
ISN'T THAT AZEL...?
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN ...?
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S IN A RUSH.

THIEE EEEF.
TAIL ...TO
SHOCK
UWAH!
WHAT CAN'T YOU FIX?
JUST WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN LADY ADEAN'S ROOM!?
ARE YOUR LINGERING AFFECTIONS FOR HER SEEPING THROUGH...?
Y-YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
LOOK!! LOOK!!
..AH, I SEE HOW IT IS
THE RIBBON ON THE BOUQUET, HUH..?
YEAH..BUT I CAN'T TIE THE RIBBON CORRECTLY
GIVE IT HERE
YOU EVEN BROUGHT THE BOUQUET ALONG WITH YOU, CLUMSY---
I PANICKED!
IT WAS STILL A STUPID THING TO DO.

DON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD
HURRY UP AND BRING THAT BACK. I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE PART IN THE BOUQUET TOSS.
WOW...IT LOOKS GREAT! SO YOU STILL HAVE SOME GIRLISH TRAITS IN YOU.
YOU...
HERE!! IT'S DONE!
.....
...SO YOU DON'T PLAN TO ATTEND!?
RIGHT! EVERYONE LIKES YOU,
THE BRIGHT AND CHEERFUL TAILTO
BRIGHT AND CHEERFUL...DON'T ACT LIKE AN IDIOT AND BLURT OUT STUPID THINGS WITHOUT THINKING!!
YOU CAN'T!! EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR YOU!
THEY SAID THEY'LL BE WORRIED ABOUT YOU IF YOU DON'T GO.
BECAUSE EVERYONE IS SO KIND, THEY JUST NATURALLY TRY TO CONSIDER MY WELL BEING
THAT'S...

I HEARD ALL OF IT, ABOUT ME BECOMING A HOSTAGE...
THAT'S RIGHT .
BECAUSE I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF TAGGING ALONG WITH FATHER CLAUDE, NOW EVERYONE IS...
YOU KNOW...RIGHT BEFORE I SET OFF TO THE TOWER OF BLAGI I HAPPENED TO RUN INTO MY FATHER.
ALTHOUGH AT THAT TIME FATHER CLAUDE WASN'T WITH ME.
BUT THAT TIME HE DIDN'T SAY A SINGLE WORD TO ME.
SO...I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS TELLING ME IT WAS OKAY TO GO WITH FATHER CLAUDE.
"HE'S GOING TO BE FURIOUS." I THOUGHT TO MYSELF...BECAUSE I ALWAYS SECRETLY WENT TO THE CAPITAL TO HANG AROUND.

THINKING ABOUT IT LIKE THAT WILL NOT HELP YOU!!
INSTEAD, WE SHOULD BE THINKING OF WAYS TO CLEAR US OF THOSE ACCUSATIONS.
TAKE ME FOR EXAMPLE. I WROTE A LETTER TO MY BROTHER.
HE USED HIS OWN DAUGHTER TO SATISFY HIS OWN AMBITIONS!
AND LIKE THE FOOL THAT I AM I ALLOWED MYSELF TO BE USED...
AND NOW LORD SIGURD, FATHER CLAUDE, AND EVERYONE ELSE HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF TREASON! ALL BECAUSE OF ME!
...WHAT WAS HIS REPLY?
IT STILL HASN'T AR-RIVED
HA HA
ARRRRRR GHHH! ALL YOU DO IS NITPICK!!
YOU'RE SO STUPID!! ALL THE LETTERS THAT AREN'T HAND DELIVERED BY SPECIAL ENVOYS GO DIRECTLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER FIRST!
Your letter is just going to get crumbled up and thrown away.

JUST COME WITH ME!!
AH!!
NO! I DON'T WANT TO—
YOU'RE COMING!!

...THAT ONE TIME...
GEEZ, YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
YOU'RE ACTING THE SAME WAY AS THAT ONE TIME.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ALREADY.
THAT TIME WHEN THE GRANDMOTHER THAT YOU LOVED SO MUCH PASSED AWAY

WHEN THAT HAPPENED I REMEMBER YOU SAID, "GRANDMA ISN'T DEAD!".
"ONLY WHEN THEY HAVE A FUNERAL FOR HER, THEN SHE WILL HAVE DIED!" YOU INSISTED.
SO AS TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM GETTING INSIDE, YOU LOCKED THE DOORS TO THE CHURCH WHERE THE COFFIN WAS RESTING.
THEN WITH THE KEYS ALREADY IN YOUR HAND, YOU HID YOURSELF IN THE CHURCH TOWER.
...YOU REMEMBER THAT...?
THEN I HAD FOUND OUT WHERE YOU WERE HIDING.
BUT NO MATTER WHAT I SAID, YOU WOULDN'T COME OUT
SO I HAD TO BASH THE DOOR OPEN AS HARD AS I COULD.
IN ORDER TO PREVENT ME FROM RUNNING AWAY YOU WOULDN'T LET GO OF MY HAND
BUT...SOMEHOW THAT WAS REASSURING TO ME.
AND I WAS ABLE TO HOLD BACK MY TEARS.

YOU HAD NO IDEA, DID YOU? EVER SINCE THAT TIME I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU!!
...YET...
ALL YOU EVER TALKED ABOUT WAS LADY ADEAN...

SHE'S NOT TRYING TO... TRICK ME IS SHE?
BESIDES, YOU ALREADY LIKE FATHER CLAUDE.
Y-
YOOOOOU'RE GOING TO NOW SAY "GOTCHA BRATZE..!", RIGHT?
I DO LIKE FATHER CLAUDE.
BUT IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY I LIKE YOU...
Flush
SFX. THUMP
S-She looked cute just now
カラーン
ゴーン
AHHH!!

I WON'T RUN AWAY THIS TIME...
OH...YOU CAN LET GO OF MY HAND
WE BETTER HURRY BACK TO THE CHURCH.
THE WEDDING WILL BE OVER SOON.
AT THE MOMENT, I DON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO LET GO OF YOUR HAND.
EH ...!?
HURRY UP!!
SORRY FOR BEING SO LATE, ADEAN!
THERE YOU ARE!! SINCE YOU TOOK THE BOUQUET WE WERE WAITING FOR YOU TO BRING IT BACK!
TAILTO MANAGED TO FIX IT.

THE WAY YOU'RE ACTING.. YOU TWO LOOK JUST LIKE A NEWLY-WED COUPLE. ♡
You're holding hands too.
WHAT ...!?
THANK YOU, TAILTO
IS THAT SO?
YOU HAVE TO OFFER YOUR CON-GRATULA-TIONS.
GO ON
OH MY!!
THIS IS FOR THE FUTURE BRIDE.

MAY THE MOMENT IN WHICH YOU WILL FEEL TRUE HAPPINESS COME SOON FOR YOU AS WELL...
.....
LADY ADEAN...
ARE YOU... HAPPY?
YES.
AT THIS VERY MOMENT,
I AM EXTREMELY HAPPY.

IT'S OKAY. YOU CAN CRY.

AREN'T THEY WELCOME TEARS OF JOY?

HOW... HOW WEIRD.

YOU'RE HOLDING MY HAND, AZEL, YET I'M STILL...

SNIFF

IT REALLY IS SPRING.

...AND SO ANOTHER SEASON PASSES BY.

She's my little sis after all

Ms. Aeon is so pretty

Congratulations!

Congratulations!

AND SILESIA'S SHORT SUMMER PASSED BY ALL TOO QUICKLY.

AND SO CAME THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHERE THE VARIETY OF LUSH GREEN VEGETATION MULTIPLIED.

NEW LIFE WAS BROUGHT INTO THE WORLD.

What the hell do you mean by favorite..?
Furthermore, why are you calling me Big Sis..?
Yarsh! I'm the Big Sis's favorite!
Mar-tay!
Mate!

AND THAT TIME CONTINUED TO CHISEL AWAY.

COMMENT

INFORMATION

HOLSETYSCANS:

TRANSLATION: TOMOYO
CLEANING: LIGHTSNAKE
TYPESETTING: TOMOYO
SCANNING: AQUANTIS
PROOFREADER: TRIMURTI
MINOR CORRECTIONS/QC: AQUANTIS, VINCENTASM

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